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Environmental Film Night Goes Virtual with Screening & Discussion of “2040”

Gaithersburg, MD (November 10, 2020) The City of Gaithersburg’s Environmental Affairs Committee presents a free virtual screening of “[2040](#),” an inspiring hybrid feature documentary that looks at the possibility that humanity could reverse global warming and improve the lives of every living thing in the process. Virtual screenings will be available starting at 5 p.m. November 20 through 5 p.m. November 22, 2020. Attendees who register will receive a link to the film and can watch it at any time during the 48-hour period. Register online [here](#). A post-film discussion with community leaders on how Gaithersburg can achieve environmental harmony will be livestreamed on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. on the [Parks, Recreation and Culture Facebook Page](#). The community is invited to participate and ask questions on Facebook during the live stream or e-mail questions for the panel to environment@gaitthersburgmd.gov.

Director Damon Gameau made “2040” as a letter to his four year old daughter with one rule for the story: He had to show an alternative future based solely on embracing the best of technologies that currently exist today. Adamant that this is not a utopian fantasy, but rather an exercise in “fact-based dreaming,” he consulted experts in farming, aquaculture, civic design, transportation, and education during the making of the film. Along with the experts, 100 children from all around the world between the ages of six and eleven were asked what they wanted the future to look like. The answers were authentic, concerning, and hopeful.

The virtual follow-up panel discussion will be moderated by Janette Rosenbaum, Vice Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee. The panel will feature Mayor Jud Ashman, Junior Mayor Hayden Sandlin, Sustainability Coordinator Deborah Moran, Muddy Branch Alliance President Luis Fermin, and Quince Orchard High School Senior and Environmental Club Member Anna Feller.

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